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**MEMBER BACKGROUNDS**

**Chair Hallie Bissett** is the executive director of the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association. Hallie has an extensive business background that includes expertise in logistics and international trade. She has served on the CIRI Board of Directors for over 10 years.

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**Vice Chair Steve Noonkesser** is the superintendent of the Southwest Region School District, headquartered in Dillingham. Steve has been with SWRSD since 1994, working for many years as one of the district's senior technology specialists. He is also a longtime board member of the Nushagak Cooperative, which provides power, telephone, and internet services in Southwest Alaska.

**Julie Anderson** is the commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

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**Nils Andreassen** is the executive director of the Alaska Municipal League. He previously led the Institute of the North for over 15 years and was employed by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program. Nils also worked as a professor at the University of Alaska, teaching courses on the interaction between government, industry, and the economy.

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**Kati Capozzi** is the executive director of the Alaska Chamber and previously served as a communications and projects manager at the Resource Development Council. Kati also represents Eagle River and Chugiak on the Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission, an entity that helps manage uncommitted public land in Anchorage.

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**Gerad Godfrey** is president of Alutiiq Professional Consulting, LLC. He previously served as Governor Walker's senior advisor for rural business and intergovernmental affairs and held senior roles within the Afognak Native Corporation. Gerad holds board memberships with the FirstNet Tribal Working Group and the Alaska Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

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**John Handeland** is the mayor of Nome and chief operating officer of the Nome Joint Utility System. John is a self-taught computer and networking expert whose interest in technology dates back to the 70s. He established his first peer-to-peer office network at the Alaska Gold Company in the 1990s and transitioned Nome's utility over to email shortly thereafter. He is a member of a wide variety of civic organizations, ranging from the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Service to the Arctic Native Brotherhood.

**Grier Hopkins** is the elected representative to the Alaska Legislature for the Western Fairbanks region.

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**Shelley Hughes** is the elected senator to the Alaska Legislature for the Chugiak and Palmer region.

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**Michael Johnson** is the commissioner of the Department of Education & Early Development.

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**Christine O'Connor** is the executive director of the Alaska Telecom Association. She spent five years as the director of the Nushagak Cooperative in the 2000s before building her regulatory expertise at that Matanuska Telephone Association. Christine is also a commercial setnetter and spends each July fishing Nushagak Bay.

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**Allen Todd** has served as general counsel at Doyon, Limited since 1997. Over the years, Allen has managed a multitude of wireless spectrum subsidiaries. Along the way, he has developed extensive expertise on the FCC's regulatory processes and has managed agreements with major telecoms like DISH Network and AT&T Wireless.

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**Bryce Ward** is mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. He previously served on the North Pole City Council and was elected to two terms as North Pole's mayor. Bryce's background is in construction, and he operates a general contracting company in addition to managing residential properties.

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